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MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.
THE FOLLOWING
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York HAMS.
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Pudding RAISINS (Valencia).
CARRANTS (Patras).

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COOKING STOVES.
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THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of
OILMAN'S STORES,
AND

WINES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANGLO-INDIAN, British barque, Captain
T. H. Richter, Chinese.
B. H. STEVENSON, German brig, Captain
Chr. Meyer, Melchers & Co.
DANKMUTH, British barque, Capt. Benj.
Pinton, Melchers & Co.
GEORGE, British barque, Capt. William
Grant, Captain.
ISAAC REED, American ship, Capt. E. C.
Colley, Order.
KEMER, German barque, Captain G.
Oskan, Steensen & Co.
LUCILE, American barque, Captain C. M.
Larwood, Melchers & Co.
MARQUE, British brigantine, Capt. Wm.
Dick, Master.
NANAIMO, British barque, Captain John
Dodd, Russell & Co.
TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn,
Russell & Co.
TOBAGO, British barque, Captain Robert
Grosbie, Gillman & Co.
VENTURA, Span. barque, Capt. Ursatini,
Remedios & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
Yangtze,
Capt. F. Sontz, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2094

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Douglas,
Captain Young, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.**
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2088

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

**FOR PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY
ISLAND, COOKTOWN,
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE, &c.**
The Steamship
Woolong,
Captain Aitken, will be
despatched for the above
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**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.**
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2091

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Chartered
Steamship
Amatista,
Captain Hamlin, will be
despatched for the above Ports on SUN-
DAY, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.**
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2080

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COM-
PANY.**

THE Undersigned hereby gives Notice
that he has been Appointed AGENT
of the above Company at this port.
CHAS. D. HARMAN.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2090

**OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.**

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Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2091

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
PIERS AND GODOWNS,
WEST POINT.**

THESE are now in Working Order.
STEAMERS are BERKELEY at the Wharf,
and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheap
Rates.

The GODOWNS are two storied, dry,
air, and well suited for the STORAGE of
SILK, COTTON and WOOLLEN FABRIC GOODS,
as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
Advances made on Cargo stored.
For Rates and further Particulars, apply
to the MANAGER, or to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2092

NOTICE.
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
**SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS.**

**NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,
LONDON AND ANTWERP.**

ON TUESDAY, the 15th December,
1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
MELBOURNE, Commandant de la MAR-
CELLE, with MAHS, PASSENGERS,
SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port
for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Specie will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 14th December, 1885. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.**
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2093

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St. JOHN'S AMBULANCE SOCIETY.

LADIES' AMBULANCE CLASS
will be held in the Lecture Room of the
City Hall on THURSDAYS, from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m., commencing from TO-MORROW,
and Ladies wishing to join may do so then.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2095

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
December 2, 1885.—
Cheung Hock Kian, British steamer, 956,
Fred Webb, Pongang November 20, and
Singapore 24, General.—Bus Hin Chan.

Wooing, British steamer, 1,109, J. L.
C. Arthur, Sydney Nov. 7, Sugar, Flour,
Wool, Soap, Coal, Pearl Shell, &c.—BUT-
TERFIELD & SWIRE.

Compton, British steamer, from Wiam-
poa.
Gratitudine, British steamer, 1,201, N. C.
Waker, Nagasaki November 25, General.—
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Atlanta, German steamer, 788, Pfaff,
Swatow December 1, General.—SIEMSEN
& Co.

Kut Sang, British steamer, 1,495, W. O.
M. Young, Shanghai November 29, General.—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.
December 2.—
Gorda, for Haiphong.
Tunior, for Sydney via Singapore.
Kang Lee, for Haiphong.
Will of the Wind, for Singapore.
Phalo, for Amoy and Tamsui.
Tumadise, for Singapore and Sydney.
Denube, for Haiphong.
Kut Sang, for Wiampoa.

CHARGED.
Catherine, for Calcutta.
S. D. Carlton, for New York.
Yangtze, for Shanghai.
Signal, for Haiphong, &c.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Por Cheung Hock Kian, from Penang, &c.,
303 Chinese.
Per Wooing, from Sydney, &c., Miss
Hutley, Messrs Larrock and Ruben, and
43 Chinese.
Per Kut Sang, from Shanghai, Messrs
Hyndman, Nichol and Olgan, and 33 Chi-
nese.

DEPARTED.
Por Denube, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.
Por Gorda, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.
Por Phalo, for Amoy, 40 Chinese and
Por Tumadise, for Singapore, &c., 78
Chinese.

TO DEPART.
Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.
Per Signal, for Haiphong, &c., 150 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Cheung Hock Kian
reports: First part to 10° North, W. and
N.W. winds and heavy rain; thence to port
fresh monsoon and cloudy weather.

The British steamer Wiampoa reports:
Fresh S.E. winds and squally on the Aus-
tralian Coast; from Thursday Island to
Basilian Channel, light N.W. winds and
fine weather up Mindoro Straits, strong
Northerly winds and squally, across the
China sea, strong N.E. monsoon and high
sea with clear weather.

The British steamer Kut Sang reports:
First part of passage moderate N.E. winds,
fine weather and smooth water; latter part
calms and light airs from N.N.W.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
For SAIGON.
For Tientsin, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 3rd inst.
For NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.
Per Silk, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 3rd inst.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, December 7.—
Goods per Steamer Tiansuiy unclaimed
after Noon subject to rent and landing
charges at 1 cent per package per diem.
Goods per Norman unclaimed after
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 11.—
Noon.—Auction of Spanish steamer Pasty,
Coal, &c.

Vessels Admitted as Loading.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.
DECEMBER 2, 1885.

Stocks.
No. of
Shares
Value
Paid-up
Reserve
Balance forward
Last Dividend
Closing Quotations,
Cash.

BANKS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp., 60,000, 125, 125, 50,779.22, 2 1/2 half year, 168 1/2 prem.

INSURANCE.
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000, 2, 2, 50, 461,23.02, 10%, The 300 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd., 8,000, 2, 2, 50, 490,329, 10%, 2450, " ex div.

Union Insurance Society, Ltd., 2,000, 1, 1, 50, 200,735.11, 18 1/2 annuities, 822, " ex div.

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 24,000, 83.33, 25, 600,000, 200,735.11, 18 1/2 annuities, 822, " ex div.

Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd., 10,000, 250, 250, 155,000, 242,276, 10%, 800, " ex div.

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For HAIPHONG.
Per Maitia, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 3rd inst.

For LOIRE INFERIEURE, at 5 p.m., on Thu-
rsday, the 3rd inst., instead of as pre-
viously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.—
Per Cheung Hock Kian, at 6 p.m., on
Thursday, the 3rd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—
Per Douglas, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, the
3rd inst.

For MANILA.—
Per Romyus, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 3rd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.—
Per Amatista, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,
the 5th inst.

For CALCUTTA.—
The departure of S. S. Catherine is in-
definitely postponed.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO-
HAMA.—
Per Teheran, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the
10th December.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet Ravenna
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the
30th Decr., with Mails for the United
Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-
yond, and Brindisi; to the Straits Settle-
ments, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India,
Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet City of Rio
de Janeiro will be despatched on WED-
NESDAY, the 9th Decr., with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru,
&c., which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 p.m. Registry closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Corre-
spondence may be posted on board the
Packet until Late Fee of 10 cents extra
Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet Melbourne
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the
15th December, with Mails to the
United Kingdom, Europe, and places
beyond, and Naples; to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
India (via Madras), the Australasian
Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape,
Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing
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HOUSES OF CLOSING.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the British Contract
Packet:—
Day Departure.
Noon.—Money Order Office closes.
2 p.m.—Registry of Letters closes.
Posting of all printed matter and
posterns closes.

3 p.m.—Mail closed, except for Late
Letters.
3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until
3.30 p.m.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.

3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Triumph leaves for Saigon.
4 p.m.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—Silk leaves for Nagasaki, &c.
5 p.m.—Maitia leaves for Haiphong, &c.

JUST LANDED.
A LARGE SUPPLY OF
PURE CONFECTIONERY,
comprising:
FINE, WHITE AND BROWN SUGAR CANDY,
CHOCOLATE CREAM, DISSERT CHOCOLATE,
NOUVEAU,
Toffees, Barley Sugar, Lemon Drops,
Fruit Jams & Rose,
COMFITS AND SUGARED ALMONDS
in great variety.
MIXED SWEETS,
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITCANDIES, STRAWBERRIES,
GREENGRASSES, CHERRIES, &c.
MELLS, FRUITS.

CARRIAGE AND EXTRA PLUMS.

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**
Hongkong, November 24, 1885. 2036

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.40 p.m.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1885.

The system adopted in Singapore for
the discussion of the Estimates, or Sup-
ply Bill, possesses several features which
seem to have slipped away from the
proceedings followed of late in our "Coun-
cil." We presume that the deliberations
of the Finance Committee in the Straits
Council are conducted with as much
privacy as those of the Committee of
Finance in Hongkong; and no particu-
lar objection appears to have been
made by the Singaporeans to this sole-
canner policy. There are several
reasons, however, why the communities
of the Straits do not call vehemently
for the publicity of the Council meetings
when in Finance Committee. From a
report of their Council meeting held on
the 10th November, we find that, al-
though the report is issued as a supple-
ment to the local papers, it is an
officially-prepared document supplied to
our contemporaries. The Government
of the Straits, in point of fact, do the
more important part of the reporting
work for our journalistic friends of the
Southern Colonies. It would not, there-
fore, be very consistent for the Singa-
pore papers to advocate the admission of
postern reporters, seeing that, so far
as can be judged by results, none are
available. There is, moreover, an-
other reason why the residents of the
Straits fail to see any pressing ne-
cessity for condemning the closed-
door sittings of the Finance Com-
mittee in Hongkong. The Finance Com-
mittee not only considers and discusses
the Supply Bill, but practically disposes
of the Estimates entirely; so that in
open Council the public hear no more
than that the Estimates, having been
all out and dry in Finance Committee,
are passed in a lump without comment.
They do things differently in Singapore,
and while we cannot but admire the
energy and life displayed by the un-
official members there, it must be at the
same time borne in mind that the official
members also take an active part in the
discussions referred to. We mean that,
when the Supply Bill comes to be for-
mally passed in Council, the various points
which most commend themselves to the
public are touched upon and discussed.
The Estimates are not passed in a lump
and the solemn silence of the members.
They are dealt with analytically, as be-
fore the public; and this is exactly
what the unofficial members in the Lo-
gislative Council of Hongkong can do,
whenever they have a mind to do it. If
the Chamber of Commerce and the Jus-
tices of the Peace were to do their duty,
and keep their representatives more
nearly up to the mark of efficiency than
they do, the unofficial members would
be a more useful and far more influential
power in the State than they are at
present. It seems to us that the repre-
sentative of the Justices of the Peace,
if he is to adequately represent the body
which elects him, ought to be informed
by the Justices upon the course to be
pursued in any particular question un-
der discussion; and yet no steps to ac-
complish such a result have ever been
brought to light. Occasionally the re-
presentative member from the Chamber
of Commerce has been requested to
protest against a certain course of action;
but even with the Chamber itself, no
definite plan of action seems to have
been hit upon, whereby its popular
members should fully and directly rep-
resent the Chamber's views. For this is
the very essence of popular representa-
tion, and it can easily be carried out
in a thoroughly independent manner
without degenerating into mere delega-
tion.

Having pointed out how easily the
individual members can raise the matter
in open Council upon the matters
which have been considered in the close
meetings of the Finance Committee, it
does not follow that the demand that
the meetings of the Finance Committee
be opened to the public should remain
unattended to. The reasons why these
deliberations should not be held as
openly as possible are of the slenderest
character, while the open discussion of
everything appertaining to expendi-
ture of public money is one of the
very rudiments of representative
rights. It ought, therefore, to be the
object of the unofficial members to secure
this privilege, and this object can no
doubt be attained by continuous and
persistent effort. At present a some-
what flippant, spasmodic form of work-
ing seems to be the fashion. The public
hears of a public question once, and
then the matter suddenly disappears
out of sight. The fullest publicity of all
discussions on the Estimates ought to be
insisted upon by the popular representa-

TELEGRAMS.
(Via Southern Line).
THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.
London, 1st December.
The Returns show 160 Liberals elected
and 182 Conservatives, including 29 Home
Rulers.

THE BURGESS WAR.
The British Troops have occupied Ava-
King Thebaw is suing for peace. The Bri-
tish Commander demands an unconditional
surrender.

THE POSITION OF AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.
The following telegram was received in
Shanghai on the 27th ultimo by His Excel-
lency the Minister for Spain:—
Her Majesty the Queen Dowager has
assumed the Regency of the Kingdom in
accordance with the provisions of the Con-
stitution.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
PASSED SUPPLY CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND:—Chakewill, Sept. 22;
France, Sept. 20; Borneo, Oct. 2;
Peru, Oct. 13; Georgetown, Guyana,
Nov. 13; Leno, Ching Wei, Nov.
17; Flintshire, Nunia, November 20;
Glenarney, Mass., Hangchow, Nov.
27; Bellerophon, Cardigan, Yang-
tze, October, Dec. 1.
HONGKONG BOUND:—St. Paul, Oct. 7;
Canton, Oct. 30; Desolation, Nov. 6;
Glaze, Nov. 13; Djinnah, Giamang,
Cyclops, Glenar, Monclaus, Orin,
Marian, Nov. 27.

The next FOREIGN MAIL, per the P. & O.
Co.'s steamer *Maryport*, left Singapore
for this port, on Saturday, the 28th
inst., at daylight, and may be expected
here on or about Friday, the 4th Dec.

The Union Line steamer *Stannore* left
Singapore for this port on the 22nd
ult., and is now due.

The steamship *Wingang*, from Calcutta,
left Singapore on the 25th ultimo, and
may be expected here about the 1st
inst.

The steamship *Parthian*, left Singapore for
this port on the 25th ultimo, and may
be expected here on or about the 2nd
inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Hector*, from
Liverpool, left Singapore on the 26th
ult., and is due here on the 2nd inst.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Artie*
left Sydney for this port on 28th ult.,
and is expected here on or about the
20th inst.

